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## BONANZA FIRST WITH PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The Bonanza gave to its Tonopah readers yesterday just three and a half hours after President Warren G. Harding had taken the oath of office his inaugural address, word for word, besides columns of interesting reading on the work of the sixty-sixth congress and a resume of other national business.

That the Bonanza's effort to get the news to its readers ahead of all other sources was appreciated was evidenced by the large street sales by the Bonanza's newsboys. The evening paper prints the news of today. You do not have to wait an hour tomorrow to read today's Bonanza.

## AN UNNECESSARY SACRIFICE

When we see the young ones who go shouting about the streets and trooping into the school houses taking sunshine and happiness with them, most of us are far too careless in allowing our little ones to take risks of accident.

The statement just made by the American Red Cross that 20,000 children under 14 years of age are killed in accidents each year in the United States is appalling. Big figures are hard to comprehend. But when we think of each one of these innocents sent to the slaughter of carelessness, we can realize what a sum of poignant grief has been cast up.

Every mother who has lost a child has a constant sorrow. But it is not alone in suffering that the nation loses. Twenty thousand boys and girls cut off before their talents could flower or their faculties be developed have lessened the quality of our citizenship for the next generation in a measure that it is impossible to compute. This should not be.

Such an easy thing it is to warn a child that he must be careful. So little trouble to provide training in the habit of discretion. Burns, falls, auto and other vehicular accidents, drowning and poisoning, exact the heaviest toll. A certain number of such occurrences are always avoidable accidents. But the proportion of them that can be traced back to carelessness on the part of the child or some adult is large. Let us have a care. Our children must not be in the silent army of 20,000 that reaches the nation.

## THE NEW ADMINISTRATION

Two men rode side by side down historic Pennsylvania avenue from the White House to the capital in Washington yesterday morning, and in their ride were all the elements of a great drama.

For at its end their paths separated as widely as those of two human beings can. One, aged, gray-haired and broken in health, retires to the seclusion of obscurity, perhaps the biggest, most abject failure in all history, the other takes up the task in which the first failed and will carry it to completion.

It is one of the nation's anomalies that an inauguration which is destined to become an epoch in American history should be marked by greater simplicity than any of its predecessors. But that it should thus be ushered in is a good omen for the reconstruction regime whose announced policy is one of retrenchment and economical administration of the government. It is not difficult to picture in the simple inauguration ceremony itself a silent rebuke to the extravagance and reckless waste of the public money by the Democratic rule now brought to a close.

The Republican administration under President Harding begins insuspiciously as to pomp and splendor and the usual display that are provided with the people's money to induct a new president. But in ability and fitness of personnel to administer the public affairs it makes a most auspicious start. Predictions that President Harding would surround himself with official advisors of extraordinary ability and distinction have been fully confirmed. Their caliber is in striking and agreeable contrast to the mediocrity of the majority of the chief figures in Mr. Wilson's lamented administration. In contrast to the members of Mr. Wilson's cabinet, not one of the men appointed by President Harding

is an unknown. All are men of positive achievements of reputation extending far beyond the bounds of their home communities. Like Mr. Harding, they have the confidence of the country which is the happiest augury for the success of the new administration.

## TAXES

Newspaper paragraphs linking up death and taxes, with such variations as the ingenuity of the writer suggests, may have had something to do with the resentment so many persons feel toward paying their share for the support of the national and other governments under which they live. Be that as it may, it is certain that many individuals have an idea that they are being imposed upon when they are assessed taxes for the purpose of meeting their own obligations, the expenses of operating the system under which they enjoy the numerous advantages that go to make up the sum total of human civilization.

It will be readily conceded that taxes are always just a little higher than the value of the benefits which accrue from them, but that is a matter which should receive attention before and not after the fact. Whenever a people choose to engage in dancing it is inevitable that the paper must be paid.

The nation is heavily taxed on account of the world war. It is probable that large sums of money were spent needlessly during the conflict but it was no time to haggle over prices when human liberty was threatened. Taxes are higher in this country because we did our full part in the war. Advancing costs everywhere have added to domestic taxes, state, county and municipal. It is costing more to operate the public schools, and the administration of county and city governments has almost become a luxury. They are governments of the people, however, and the people should not complain if they are asked to pay for them.

After all, there is no nation in the world that gives better returns for the investment than the United States. Costs are a bit high at present, but the advantages in guaranteed freedom and personal privileges are good returns for the money paid in taxes.

## OBSERVATIONS

Too many roads are paved with good intentions and nothing more.

It is easier to criticize the idealist than to create new ideals.

The case of a person who cannot extract optimism from a seed catalog is hopeless indeed.

A lot of individuals will be willing to let money talk in its sleep when it begins conversation again.

The business of pouring oil on the troubled waters never did pay the dividends the pourers expected.

Germany admits that the way of the transgressor is hard, but does not admit that she is a transgressor.

Just to show that Austria has as much rabbit in her as other nations, she has decided not to hang profiteers.

The members of congress want more pay all right, but each member appears to be afraid to make the start to get it.

France, with the largest standing army in the world, knows that the war is not over until the bills are collected.

It might help to advance peace if the nations get to the point where they have to hock their guns to buy meal tickets.

## TELLS HOW TOWN GOT ITS NAME

(By Associated Press)  
TULSA, Okla., March 4.—The town of Would Be, Oklahoma, owes its name to a dispute between a post-office inspector and a postmaster. This is the story as told by Emby Kaye, of Would Be. In 1917 about 450 persons comprising an oil camp five miles south of Billings, decided they wanted a postoffice. The post-office department granted their request and a postal inspector arrived to christen the new community. The postmaster, leading the discussion for the citizens, wanted the town named Mid-Co. The inspector

# PLEADS FOR A HIGHER PLANE OF EDUCATION

(By Associated Press)  
ATLANTIC CITY, March 4.—The first and immediate way of getting better teaching throughout the country is to guide into the profession those of good intelligence and good character that the teachers are instructing, Mrs. Susan M. Dorsey, of Los Angeles, told the department of superintendence of the National Educational association here today.

"While we are guiding into other vocations, what is to prevent us from pointing the way into our own?" Mrs. Dorsey asked. "By seeing with a clear vision its regenerating destinies, the road that leads to supreme service, by inviting the best of those whom we teach to enter a vocation second to none in opportunity, we shall have better teaching."

Public school teaching can be greatly improved by a more intelligent grouping of children according to their intellectual capabilities and their general condition so that instruction may be adapted to their varying degrees of intelligence, and especially to the peculiar needs of the large group of over-aged children Mrs. Dorsey said.

"There are those in the class doomed to failure, and this paralyzes teacher effort," she continued. "Of late emphasis has been placed, and rightly, upon the necessity of segregating the educationally unfit, for the sake of the children. What I wish to urge is the necessity of such segregation in the interests of good teaching."

"By referring to age-grade tables, it is found that about one-third of the children in the public schools are one year or more behind grade. When we eliminate the two or three per cent that are actually feeble-minded, there still remain the 30 per cent who could very well get back to grade if they could be given attention according to their needs."

## SAILORS MUST LEARN TO SWIM

(By Associated Press)  
NORFOLK, Va., March 4.—Orders have gone down to Guantanamo that some 4000 lads aboard the ships of the Atlantic fleet who don't know how to swim be taught to paddle their own canoe before the fleet comes north for the summer. They will take to the nice, warm Cuban water under the eye of rough tongues, but highly efficient petty officers who are widely known to be proficient in the main business of the navy in any line getting results.

Navy men are always apt to get a ducking. It looks like plain sailing to see bare-footed launch crews whirl up to the gangway in smooth water, but they have to do it every day. They are the butchers and bakers and candle-stick maker boys of the fleet, always on the go. And it's something of a trick to come alongside in a seaway without bumping somebody off the boat or carrying away a fender to the profane wrath of the bosun and indignation of the deck officer and "first loot" of the ship. A ship's boat hops about like a flea on a hot griddle in a surface stir that leaves the ship as motionless as the statue of Liberty.

Hence the order to teach the navy to swim. If a lad is dumped overboard and can keep himself afloat for a while, you can trust the navy in general to fish him out finally. They are always pinning medals on sailorfolk for that.

It wouldn't do at all," he said. "When the oil's gone, what would it be?"

"It would be a town, that's what it would be," answered the postmaster.

"Well, then, if it would be, it would be," the inspector retorted, and the postal station thereupon became known as Would Be.

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